

To those who celebrate the death of American innocents, of mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, I have a simple message: you can run, but you cannot hide. America will deliver a response at the time and place of its own choosing to the perpetrators and those that shield them.

A RESOLUTE AMERICA

(Mr. SCHIFF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, today our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims. We pledge everything within our power to bring swift remedies to those who are still trapped, along with our thoughts and prayers.

We saw yesterday also the strength and the courage of the American people, embodied by those firefighters and police who rushed into the wreckage; by those Americans, those physicians who came from around the region to lend their help; by the Americans still waiting in lines to donate blood. We saw the greatness of America yesterday.

And to those who would perpetrate these unthinkable crimes against innocent men, women, and children, we say to you, we will hunt you down like the animals that you are. You will find no refuge, no succor, no shelter from the storm that will come. Others have felt democracy is weak, and they have found, as our enemies today will find, that there is nothing like the resolution of the American people.

God bless this country.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, from the 23rd Psalm, "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me."

God has blessed this Nation to be the most free, the most caring, and the most prosperous Nation in the world's history. But, as the Chaplain prayed, we seek peace and security through justice; and, I will add, justice will prevail.

God will continue to bless this Nation. Let us all fly our flags and renew our pledge to be one Nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.

God bless this House, God bless this President, and God bless the United States of America.

BRINGING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, yesterday morning I woke up thinking of my granddaughter. Yesterday was her first birthday. Two hours later, this Nation was in a crisis.

I know the American people. I know the people of New York. I know how we all respond in times of crisis, that we all come together, and we will be there for each other.

But this Congress, this Congress will respond. Many of us are considered gentle people, and we are. But let me say, I, for one, will make sure that this President has all the tools and the financial means that he needs to bring justice to so many of my constituents that were killed yesterday.

This Congress, this government, will not rest until every single person responsible for these deaths are brought to justice.

AMERICA MUST BE STRONG, OF GOOD COURAGE, AND ACT

(Mr. PLATTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, our prayers today certainly go out to the victims of yesterday's horrific acts of terror. May the families and friends of those lost, military and civilian; firefighters, police and other rescue personnel, receive comfort and peace today. And may the entire Nation be entrusted to the merciful care of God as we move forward from a day that America will not forget.

I join my colleagues here today to demonstrate the resolve of the United States of America to see to it that no act, however unspeakable, however despicable, will be allowed to halt our democracy.

I commend President Bush for his words yesterday committing our Nation to bringing to justice those responsible for these attacks, and for recognizing that those who harbor evil, are evil, and must be dealt with as such.

America should follow the admonition of David to his son, Solomon: "Be strong and of good courage, and act."

From tragedy, unity; from unity, strength; and from strength, justice.

For the victims, for their families, for our Nation, God bless America.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday is a day that will live long and painfully in all our hearts. We will remember that innocent people arriving

at their offices were murdered. We will remember that Federal workers and members of our Armed Forces, all dedicated to lives the public service, were murdered. We will also remember that men, women and children boarding airplanes bound for the West Coast to visit friends and family or to meet colleagues were murdered.

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We will remember the firemen, police officers and emergency workers who lost their lives saving others at the World Trade Center; and we will remember the thousands of people who lined up to give blood, who helped others escape from fire and debris, and who said a prayer, and who simply asked, how can I help?

Yesterday, we saw the best humanity has to offer in the faces of America, and we saw the worst of humanity in the murders carried out by faceless, nameless terrorists. All Americans of all faiths and backgrounds mourn today the lives lost.

We will repair and rebuild the broken buildings and neighborhoods and we will maintain the foundations of our liberty; and as Americans, we will never sacrifice our freedoms, our fundamental rights, to cowardly acts of terrorism.

We will find those who perpetrated these evil acts, and they will pay the highest price for their actions.

Today, our thoughts, our prayers, our strength and compassion go out today to all of those who have lost loved ones. We will never forget you.

AMERICA STANDS STRONG IN FACE OF TERRORISM

(Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, our hearts and prayers go out to those who mourn the horrific actions of cowardice that we experienced yesterday. We are up against an enemy this time that has committed an act of war; but it is an enemy that is not a country, it is a band of evil people that is trying to instill fear in America. We must do all we can to defeat this enemy, and we are all enlisted as soldiers in that fight. Many of our emergency professionals have put their lives on the line and given their lives and deserve our appreciation.

What is there for us to do? We must remember that their weapon is fear. They are trying to instill fear in us; and if we panic, they have achieved victory. We must be showing our resolve as Americans and lining up to give blood, not lining up to panic to get gas at a gas station. That is what America is all about. We have risen to the challenge in the past; we will rise to the challenge today. With God's good grace, reaching out with condolences